

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 19th 2006

IRTS delegation received by President McAleese

On Wednesday last November 15th a delegation from IRTS was received by President McAleese at Arus an Uachtaran. The delegation consisted of IRTS President Finbarr EI1CS, Vice President Paul Martin EI2CA, committee member Paul O'Kane EI5DI, Gerard Gervin EI8CC, Joseph Deery EI4JA (who is a young white stick operator) and two sponsors of next year's CQIR event.

The group outlined to the President some of the plans for next years Jubilee celebrations. She was particularly interested to hear that it is hoped to site the HQ station for the CQIR event in the environs of the Arus, and to have it manned by young operators. If circumstances permit she would like to visit the station and she recognised the role that amateur radio could play in the gaisce awards scheme. She wished the society well for the year ahead and particularly hoped that the CQIR would be a great success in uniting the "irish diaspora" with the homeland.

On behalf of the Society Finbarr thanked the President for receiving the group and entertaining them to tea. He presented her with an engraved plate in Dublin Crystal containing the name of the Society, its logo, and the years 1932 to 2007.

IOTA Results

Final results for the 2006 IOTA Contest have now been published on the IOTA Contest web site. Results for EI and EJ stations are summarised on the contest Results page of the IRTS web site, which also includes a link to the IOTA Contest web site. As a matter of interest, the contest database contains details of over 440,000 QSOs made during the contest, allowing the adjudicators to cross-check two-thirds of all QSOs.

AREN News

Three AREN delegates EI7IG, EI4JN and EI2JB recently attended a course on Field Search Skills hosted by the South East Mountain Rescue Association. The 2 days of instruction included both classroom tuition and practical exercises held in the

Commeragh mountains. This included a night exercise on the Saturday night. Other professional and volunteer organisations represented included the Garda Siochana, the Coastguard, the Civil Defence and SEMRA.

While ARENs involvement in missing person search operations will principally be of a communications nature, it is important for members to be cognisant of the methods used and the challenges faced by the search teams. For this purpose, a training module 'AREN and SAR' will be delivered to members in the near future.

The IARU Region One, First EmCom party on the Air is taking place this weekend. Only Headquarter stations of each countries' Emergency Communications Organisations are invited to take part. Dave EI4BZ operated the IRTS AREN station.

Also this weekend, 3 more AREN members will be joining The South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association on a training weekend. There will be plenty APRS activity in the Galtee Mountains. Some activity on the 40 metre and 80 metre AREN frequencies is also to be expected.

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight. Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser: Padaric Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email "pbaynes1 at eircom dot net".

Theory Classes

Theory classes are planned to commence in the Cork area in early January. Anyone interested should contact Dave Moore EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or any member of Cork Radio Club or the East Cork Radio Group.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Plans are being made for a Christmas dinner, please contact John, EI7IG for details.

Limerick Radio Club

The December meeting of the Limerick Radio will take place on the first Thursday (the 7th of December) at Limerick Institute of Technology at 19:30 hours local time. Liam EI4GB will be hosting the Christmas Quiz. The club hope that as many members as possible will attend.

CQ World Wide CW Contest

The CQ World Wide CW Contest, the biggest CW event of the year, will take place next weekend. It runs for 48 hours from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday. Ten EI stations were listed in the results from last year and we look forward to an even bigger participation this year.

Wieslaw SP4Z will again travel from Poland to participate in the CQWW CW from Ireland in the Single Operator All Band Low Power category as EI/SP4Z. He will use IC7000 + rotary Spiderbeam, Inverted VEE and a dipole. SP4Z also operated from Maynooth two years ago and in the process set a new EI record for a Low Power All Band entry. This record still stands. This was a great achievement as he brought his complete station, including aerial supports, on the airplane from Poland. On that occasion he made 1,785 QSOs in 91 Zones and 339 DXCC entities.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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